

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Governor Tanner, April 1, 1897

605 Copies Letter No. I. Leland Hotel. Springfield. Ill. April 1st, 1897. To His Excellency Governor Tanner, Springfield, Ill. My dear Sir,—

Please find enclosed Dr. Gordon's reply to my telegram.

Should he be offered the superintendency of the Jacksonville Institution, I would unhesitatingly recommend him to accept. I also have no hesitation in recommending you to appoint him.

Joseph Claybough Gordon, M.A. Phd. is at the present moment Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Gallandet College Washington, D.C.; and he was for years, and I think still in at the head of the Normal Department of the College devoted to the training of teacher of the deaf.

He is one of the most eminent men in his profession — if not indeed the most eminent in America; and he is admirably fitted to perform the duties connected with the responsible position proposed.

Yours very respectfully, (Signed.) Alexander Graham Bell.